(b) and (c) The six travel circuits will be finalized and developed in close coordination and partnership with the State / UT Governments.

Construction of memorials of literary personalities

†5093. SHRI DEVI PRASAD SINGH: Will the Minister of TOURISM AND CULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government propose to construct some memorials at the birth places of great literary personalities;

(b) if not, whether Government would consider to construct some memorials in the memory of the Jnanpeeth laureates of Indian languages; and

(c) if not, the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF TOURISM AND CULTURE (SHRI JAGMOHAN): (a) to (c) No, Sir. However, there is a scheme for providing grant-in-aid to Registered voluntary organizations / societies for development and maintenance of National Memorials. The scheme also covers financial assistance for Memorials set up on the initiative of the State Government. Proposals are considered by the Expert Committee as and when these are received from voluntary organizations / State Governments.

Expenditure on maintenance of memorials and monuments

†5094. SHRI DEVI PRASAD SINGH: Will the Minister of TOURISM AND CULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) the estimated expenditure incurred by Government on maintaining the memorials and heritages of national and historical importance scattered throughout the country;

(b) whether there is some financial crunch to maintain them; and

(c) if so, the action being taken to do away with the same?

THE MINISTER OF TOURISM AND CULTURE (SHRI JAGMOHAN): (a) The Department of Culture provides grant-in-aid to Voluntary Organizations / Societies for development and maintenance of National Memorials. The grant-in-aid is of non-recurring nature. During the last three years, the amount released

†Original notice of the question was received in Hindi.